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## Personal Statement

Colleagues, I humbly ask for your vote to both elect me to serve as at-large-counselor as well as re-elect me as a Delegate to our OSMA – AMA delegation. I have been active since 1994 and a member of the delegation for the better part of a decade.

I am a practicing emergency physician and founded a group practice that serves three critical access hospitals in rural, Ohio. I founded the group in 2018 in order to restore autonomy and control of medicine back to physicians. Emergency Medicine, like many specialties have been consolidated by national conglomerates and private equity. The result is that control has been wrested from the physician-patient relationship. This has hurt physicians and has threatened our ability to provide quality care. This must stop and my efforts at the OSMA and AMA are directed to restoring physician control and direction of healthcare.

Not only do we need to reclaim our practice environment, but we must also work to innovate leading edge practice models that increases patient access to quality physician led care. Innovation comes in many forms and may include incorporating technologies such as Virtual or Augmented Reality to connect underserved neighborhoods populations to physicians. In some models AR/VR will deliver specialty expertise to locations closer to home, removing the barriers of costly transportation and time from the encounter. In others advancing technologies will enhance education and procedural competencies. Our OSMA must be prepared to help you and your practice foresee these opportunities and successfully integrate them to society's benefit. We must do so with an eye on the laws and regulations that can improve or impair such advancements in healthcare.

I am just the leader to help shepherd these efforts. I have the breadth and depth of experience to build successful teams. In our OSMA, I previously served two terms as district councilor and past chair of Audit and Appropriations. During those times, I worked diligently to understand both the unique and collective needs of our membership and can now use this experience to champion our causes.

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My leadership experience does not stop at the OSMA. I have been Chairman of the AMA-Young Physicians Section, Chair of reference committee F, a 3 year commitment to work with AMA leadership on finance and governance, and now serve a second term of the selection committee for the AMA board of trustees public member. In addition, I served as speaker for the American College of Emergency Physicians. Each of these offices and experiences allows me to bring diverse and helpful leadership lessons to our OSMA.

The quiddity of this experience is what allows me to contribute so successfully to our AMA delegation and our OSMA. Your vote for me will facilitate continued the work towards the benefit of physicians and to advance the needs of our physician members.

Thank you for your vote of confidence.